

REMARKS

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The Examiner is requiring a restriction between the following inventions:

Invention I comprising (a) claims 1-16 and 51-71 and (b) claims 34-50 and 93-113 each of which are roughly drawn to synchronous recording and playback; and

Invention II comprising claims 17-33 and 72-92 drawn to base-corrected recording and synchronous playback.

Election

Subject to traverse, applicant elects Invention I comprising claims 1-16 and 51-71 and claims 34-50 and 93-113 for further prosecution on the merits.

Traverse

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The restriction is made on the basis that the structures differ and are separately usable.

Applicant respectfully submits that the standard is not whether different and separably usable structures are present, but whether independent and distinct inventions are claimed and whether these would be a burden to search for the Examiner.

The present invention is directed the external synchronizing of digital video recorders, each of which records video signal of a single transmitter. The Examiner makes distinction in the relation between the video transmitter and the recorder, wherein non-externally synchronized video signal, time based corrected video signal or an externally synchronized video signal can be fed to the externally synchronized digital video recorder.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that these aspects are not distinct inventions nor are they even different species. As is well known in the art, these are different handling of video signals fed to the recorders for recording the signal, all of which are using well known and common recording technology.

The invention is directed to synchronizing the digital video recorders for feeding simultaneously a synchronous playback and/or relayed signals from the claimed recorders to a receiver and for displaying among others, synchronized multi pictures.

Consequently, three differently fed video signal enhances the invention, which, respectfully, are not separate inventions. Rather, a plurality of recorders can output synchronous video signals regardless if the recorded signal fed from the video transmitters to the recorders was externally synchronized, non synchronized or time base corrected are claimed and as such do not represent a burden to search.

Applicant respectfully submits that in the present application, all claims read on all inventions. Thus, only the generic invention is being claimed and accordingly a restriction is inappropriate.

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